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Lead-Based Paint Safe Work Practices Video

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If you have kids like me and you are going to renovate or paint your house, think about us. We depend on you for important things in life like health and safety.

If your house was built before 1978 assume you have lead-based paint and take the proper precautions. When you renovate or do home improvements, lead paint on interior and exterior surfaces can crack, chip, and create dust particles. This harmful dust can end up in the air, on window sills, floors and rugs, countertops and other areas in your home.

Lead can be very dangerous to you and your children. For kids the effects are profound and damage can be permanent. For babies and children under six, lead poisoning can cause nervous system, kidney and permanent brain damage, as well as, decreased intelligence and learning disabilities. Lead can also harm the fetuses of pregnant women.

If you are able to hire a certified contractor – do. Your kids are worth it. These contractors are trained to help keep you and your family safe while working on homes, childcare facilities, and schools. If you are like me and need to do the work yourself, get the right information to keep you and your family safe.

If you plan to sand, scrape or disturb the paint in your home, you will create a lead hazard for you and your family. If kids ingest or breathe in the dust, they can become lead poisoned and get very sick.

Work lead safe by reducing lead hazards in your home. Seal off your work areas, keep kids out, and protect yourself from dust and debris. Work wet, work clean and adhere to lead-based paint safety guidelines. And be sure to clean up using damp cloths.

Go to the EPA website shown here or call the LEAD HOTLINE at 1-800-424-LEAD to get the information you need today.

If you suspect that your child may have been exposed to lead-based paint, get them tested as soon as possible. Lead-based paint poisoning will hurt your kids. Keep your children beautiful, happy, and safe.

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